

MURRAY FUN DAYS PARADE

Murray Fun Days began in the 1930's as a community celebration in August. The celebration was later moved to July 4th and is organized to provide an opportunity for individuals, families, and community to be together as they enjoy a day of fun activities while celebrating Independence Day. Murray City encourages parade entries that feature **creative, entertaining elements appropriate for the entire family**, including **entries that focus on a patriotic theme**.

The following guidelines are offered to ensure an enjoyable and safe experience for those in your entry, as well as the public. Your cooperation is essential so please take time to read and share this information with those who will be participating. If necessary, your entry can be removed from the parade or not considered during the application process.

The Murray Fun Days Parade starts at 6100 South State, travels north on State Street to Vine Street, east on Vine Street to the east entrance to Murray City Park. The Parade ends at the southwest area of Murray Park where you can exit onto 5300 South (eastbound). Details concerning the parade lineup, numbers, where to assemble and other parade information will be sent out prior to the parade to the sponsors' primary contact as noted on the Parade Entry Form. **The Murray Fun Days Parade Committee reserves the right to place parade entries in any order they deem necessary.**

Parade Rules and Guidelines

- If your entry has a routine to perform (dance, cheerleading, school groups and clubs), please make sure it is designed for **constant forward movement** of the parade. **No stopping or holding up traffic will be permitted.** Marching bands are encouraged to enter and will be paid according to the number of participants and/or professional level of the group.
- **Distribution of candy is discouraged.** However, if you choose to distribute candy, we encourage you to have someone walk next to your entry and hand it out. Please do not throw it from a moving vehicle. This is to protect the safety of children who may step in front of or under the vehicle to pick-up the candy.
- Please do not bring or hand out **printed material**. Printed material is usually discarded by the public and creates litter that must be picked up by City staff and volunteers.
- Please do not **spray or throw water** along the parade route. Water is not appreciated by many in the audience.
- If your entry is an automotive entry, please limit your vehicles to ten (10) or less.
- Please display the American flag in an appropriate manner.
- Please provide a detailed description, including photos if possible, of your entry.

Awards

Judging will take place along the parade route and awards given for all parade categories including an overall **Judges Choice Award**. Categories include:

- **Special Interest/ Antique Vehicle** - pre 1970 vehicles or vehicles of special interest.
- **Automotive** - post 1970 vehicles, race cars, etc. All vehicles must be clean and in good working order.
- **Business/commercial** entries should have an entry that is entertaining. These entries should consist of more than signs placed on the side of a vehicle.
- **Civic/Royalty/Floats/Political** - Entries of community interest including city floats, dignitaries, political candidates, sport teams, non performing school groups and royalty. Parade floats must meet fire code compliance.
- **Performing Group**- Included are marching bands, music groups, drill & dance teams, cheerleaders and clowns.
- **Equestrian/Animals** - Includes horses or any other type of animals. Please provide clean-up for your animals.